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INDIA.

Report from Calcutta—Transactions of Service—Cholera and plague mortality—Improved plague conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, December 7, as follows:

During the week ended December 2, 1905, bill of health was issued to the steamship *Buceros*, bound for Boston and New York, with a total crew of 49, and to the steamship *Bedouin*, bound for Philadelphia and New York, with a total crew of 43. The usual precautions were taken, rat guards placed on wharf lines, holds fumigated, and lascars' effects disinfected.

During the week ended November 25, 1905, there were 86 deaths from cholera and 22 deaths from plague in Calcutta.

In Bengal during the week ended November 25, 1905, 347 cases and 268 deaths.

In India during the week ended November 11, 1905, 3,611 cases and 2,760 deaths from plague, and during the week ended November 18, 1905, 3,693 cases and 2,826 deaths.

Plague continues to be abnormally in abeyance for the time of year all over India, save in the western portion. During the week ended November 18 there were in the entire country only 2,826 cases, as opposed to 17,946 cases during the same period last year. Of these 2,826 cases 1,122 were in the Bombay Presidency, 267 in Bengal, and 75 in Burma.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Rejections of emigrants recommended.

Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, December 18, as follows:

During the week ended December 16, 1905, the following ships were inspected at Naples and Palermo:

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Dec. 13	Calabria.....	New York.....	231	45	650
15	Francesca.....	do.....	291	40	450
16	Madonna.....	do.....	506	90	750

PALERMO.

Dec. 11	Giulia.....	New York.....	81	45	120
14	Calabria.....	do.....	181	100	216